



MEDIA RELEASE

MESA LANE BEACH ACCESS STEPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC NOVEMBER 9

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The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the beach access steps at Mesa Lane re-opens to the public today, Friday, November 9, 2012. The steps were closed on October 3, 2012 to replace the lowest landing and stair segment and other critical repairs. The project included the demolition of the existing concrete foundation and steps as well as the last wood segment and landing. The stairs and landing were reconstructed with steel posts and stairs and new concrete steps to the beach. A number of other site improvements were completed including the replacement of worn steps, repairs to the existing wood posts, painting, repairs to the asphalt walkway, and installation of new trash cans. As a result of a coordinated team of contractors and public agency staff, the project was completed ahead of the anticipated schedule. Cushman Contracting installed the new landing and stairs, City staff and contractors completed the additional improvements, and the County of Santa Barbara provided access to the beach via Arroyo Burro Beach County Park. Funded by the City of Santa Barbara and the State Coastal Conservancy, the new steps provide safe public access to the beach. The public is invited to join Mayor Helene Schneider and the Santa Barbara City Council in the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2012 at 1 pm.

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